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SUBJECT: W/W GEORGE REPPAS

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1. CONSULAR OFFICER VISITED REPPAS JANUARY 14. MAITRE LABEL, REPPAS LAWYER, PRESENT FOR MOST OF MEETING (COINCIDENTALLY). LABEL INFORMED REPPAS THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT RECEIVED FORMAL OTIFICATION DATE FROM SUPREME COURT, CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL WOULD PROBABLY BE JANUARY 28. CONSULAR OFFICER ASKED LABEL IF POSSIBILITY EXISTED FOR FURTHER DELAY. LABEL RESPONDED THAT NEW DELAY WAS QUITE POSSIBLE AND DECISION ITSELF WOULD TAKE AT LEAST MONTH.

2. REPPAS AGREED WITH LABEL THAT ANY NEW APPROACH TO HEAD OF GOVERNMENT SHOULD WAIT UNTIL AFTER SUPREME COURT APPEAL. HE ALSO GAVE CONSULAR OFFICER LETTER EXPRESSING HIS THANKS FOR EMBASSY'S INTERVENTION ON HIS BEHALF WITH MOFA (REFTEL). PRISON STAFF HAS STOPPED HARASSMENT. "GARDIEN CHEF" RETURNED COOKING UTENSILS AND INFORMED REPPAS THAT HE WOULD AGAIN BE ALLOWED "DENTAL" VISITS FOLLOWING WEEK. NO MENTION MADE OF ASYLUM.

3. REP RL EARLIER PASSED US TWO INTERESTED PARTY CABLES  
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WITHIN TWO DAYS OF EACHOTHER FOR BRADFORD JEFFRIES, ALCOA

BLDG, SAN FRANCISCO AS FOLLOWS:

A. "DON'T BELIEVE SHOULD PUBLISH AT THIS MOMENT WITH BOSTON HERALD. AFTER YOU RECEIVE INVESTORS CLAIM SEND COPY TO JANUS. LETTER TO FOLLOW AND SUGGESTED PROCEDURES. THANKS FOR BOOK LOOKS INTERESTING. AMB TO SEE GEN AGAIN SOON. SHOULD NOTE REACTION BEFORE FINALIZING NEXT MOVE. THANK REPPAS."

B. CONDITIONS PERFECT FOR EXPO. FILE INVESTORS CLAIM WITH FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF US IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING. THIS WENT OUT FRIDAY 10TH AND SHOULD BE IN YOUR HANDS THE 20TH. DO NOT HOLD UP FOR ENTIRE APPENDIX. SEND WHATEVER APPENDIX DATA YOU HAVE NOW AND REST CAN FOLLOW. RELEASE TO PRESS SAME TIME AS FOR OUR FILING. EXPLANATIONS IN MAIL WITH CLAIM AND MORE TO FOLLOW. GOOD LUCK. REPPAS."

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS EXERCISED DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY PER 7 FAM 301.10-2B NOT FORWARD CABLES DIRECTLY TO ADDRESSEE TO PERMIT COMMENT. REPPAS CABLE A PRESENTS NO PROBLEMS EXCEPT THAT AMBASSADOR DOES NOT PLAN TO CALL ON GENERAL. REPPAS CABLE B IN OUR VIEW, HOWEVER, WOULD START ACTION CONTRARY TO REPPAS INTEREST, I.E. PRESS CAMPAIGN, IF JEFFRIES COMPLIES WITH REQUEST. SUPREME COURT HEARING IS EXPECTED SOON AND REPPAS WILL HAVE SERVED HALF SENTENCE IN FEW MONTHS (APRIL 30). TO UNDERTAKE PRESS CAMPAIGN NOW EMBASSY BELIEVES WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. ALSO, CONGRESSMAN MCCLOSKEY'S VISIT TO MALAGASY AMBASSADOR EXPECTED SOON. REPPAS BRIEF FOR FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION IS POLEMICAL IN TONE AND NOT VERY IMPRESSIVE IN PRESENT FORM. (EMBASSY POUCHING BRIEF.) SUGGEST REPPAS CABLES A-B BE PASSED TO JEFFRIES BY PHONE WITH EMBASSY COMMENTS IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS.  
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